

Steven L.Schoch et al.
Application No.: 09/475,959
Page 7

PATENT

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The amendments to claims 1, 7, and 9 are shown below with additions underlined and deletions bracketed.

1. (Amended) A method of controlling reproduction of software by an end-user of the software, the method comprising:

providing to an entity that licenses its software to users, license generation software, which when operated generates validation numbers, there being a unique validation number for each copy of the software to be separately licensed;

a copy of the validation number being provided each of a license registration database and included with the software when supplied from the entity;

when the user installs a software on a designated system, determining a registration key formed from the unique validation number and additional information [from the least one of] including a number related to the designated system [and a user password created by the user], wherein software determines the number related to the designated system;

[in response to the information provided, using the license registration database,] generating a license key number using the license registration database in response to the additional information provided, wherein the license key is generated in response to an on-line transaction; and

using the license key number on the users system to unlock use of the software.

7. A method as in claim 1 wherein [at the time the user registers licensing of the software for a particular system, the transaction is carried out on-line, and software determines the number related to the designated system] the additional information includes a password created by the user.

a

Steven L. Schoch et al.
Application No.: 09/475,959
Page 8

PATENT

9. (Amended) A [system] method as in claim 8 wherein the validation number further includes a unique number not controlled by [the] a vendor.

PA 3198374 v1

a